

Once Saved, Always Saved?

Selected Scripture
"Hot Potato Issues", Part 1
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I) WHEN "BEHAVIORAL FRUIT" DOESN'T MATCH THE "SPIRITUAL ROOT"

Four Key Facts About True Conversion And False Faith

Fact #1) Every true Christian will bear __BEHAVIORAL FRUIT__.

(The vine and branches in John 15:1-5)

Fact #2) Some true Christians may experience __BACKSLIDING__.

(Peter in John 18:15-18, 25-27 & 21:15-19)

Fact #3) Some "apparent" Christians may not be true __BELIEVERS__.

(Professing without possessing in 1 John 2:19)

Fact #4) No true Christian can ever __LOSE THEIR SALVATION__.

(Jesus in John 10:27-30 and Paul in Romans 8:31-39)

II) THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR THE BELIEVERS "ETERNAL SECURITY"

1) We are chosen by God:

(Romans 8:29-30, Ephesians 1:3-5)

2) We are sealed by the Holy Spirit:

(Ephesians 1:11-14, Romans 8:15-18)

3) We have been forgiven of every sin:

(1 John 1:7, Romans 8:1, Hebrews 7:25)

4) We're not only saved but also kept by grace:

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

5) We persevere in true faith because God finishes His work:

(Philippians 1:6)

6) We cannot lose an eternal life we have now:

(John 10:28, 1 John 5:13)

III) THE ALLEGED BIBLICAL OBJECTIONS TO "ETERNAL SECURITY"

1) What about all those warning passages? __CONSIDER THE CONTEXT__!

(see 1 Corinthians 9:27, Galatians 5:4b, Hebrews 6:4-6 & 10:26, 2 Peter 2:20-22, Revelation 3:5 & 22:19)

2) So can a true Christian live any way they want? __NO, GOD USES TEMPORAL DISCIPLINE__!

(1 Corinthians 5:1-5, Hebrews 12:5-8)

IV) PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1) Eternal security does not make us more spiritually __PROMISCUOUS__ but more __PERFECT__.

2) Eternal security should produce __ETERNAL GRATITUDE__ not __WRECKLESS GRACE__ toward God.